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SUBJECT: CHINESE MFA BI-WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY,
JULY 6

1. IN THE BI-WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING, JULY 6, CHINESE MFA
SPOKESMAN SHEN GUOFANG RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON THE

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CURRENT SITUATION OF DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA, AND ON RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND. HE ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE U.K., AND ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF KIM IL-SONG.

DETENTION OF HARRY WU

2. SEVERAL REPORTERS ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ONGOING DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HARRY WU'S CURRENT LOCATION AND WHETHER A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIAL HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO MEET WITH HIM, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE WAS INVESTIGATING THE CASE, AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE MFA TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE JUDICIARY. HE SAID THAT WHEN A DECISION WAS MADE, IT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. WHEN ASKED WHETHER GIVING A CONSULAR OFFICER ACCESS TO A DETAINEE WOULD CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN JUDICIAL AFFAIRS, THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION DIRECTLY, BUT SAID THAT THE MFA HAD ALREADY TOLD THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU OF THE U.S. DEMAND TO MEET WITH HARRY WU, BUT THAT THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN A REPLY.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT CHINA'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA, AND WHETHER CHINA HAD VIOLATED THAT AGREEMENT BY NOT ALLOWING A CONSULAR OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH HARRY WU, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT CHINA HAD NEVER VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT, AND CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. HAD REPEATEDLY VIOLATED THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT. CITING TWO EXAMPLES OF THE VIOLENT DEATHS OF TWO CHINESE CITIZENS IN THE U.S., THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CHINA STILL HAD NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OR EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATHS. HE ADDED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT ONLY CALL UPON THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT WHEN IT WAS NEEDED, AND THEN DISCARD IT WHEN NO LONGER CONVENIENT.

4. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE TWO EXAMPLES OF ALLEGED U.S. VIOLATIONS OF THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT MEANT THAT CHINA WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN VIOLATING THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXAMPLES DID NOT MEAN THAT

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CHINA WAS TRYING TO JUSTIFY ANYTHING, AND HE REITERATED HIS STATEMENT THAT CHINA HAD NEVER VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA

5. A REPORTER ASKED ABOUT FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA, AND WHETHER HE HAD BROUGHT ANY MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA. THE
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SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY HAD ALREADY GIVEN ADEQUATE COVERAGE OF KISSINGER'S VISIT, AND THAT THE MFA HAD LITTLE TO ADD, EXCEPT TO STRESS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE CONCRETE ACTIONS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, AND THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD ONLY CONTINUE WHEN THE U.S. HONORED ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER SOME RECENT SMALL SCALE MILITARY EXERCISES BY CHINA'S MILITARY COULD AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE MILITARY EXERCISES, BUT THAT IT WAS NORMAL FOR THE MILITARY TO CONDUCT TRAINING EXERCISES. HE STATED THAT THE REASON FOR TENSION BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND HAS BEEN LEE TENG-HUI'S ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO CREATE TWO CHINAS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUCH ACTIONS WERE VERY DANGEROUS, AND THAT ANY DETERIORATION IN

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RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND COULD AFFECT
PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

7. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE MAINLAND'S REFUSAL TO ABANDON
THE POSSIBILITY OF USING FORCE AGAINST TAIWAN WAS ALSO
CAUSING TENSION BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE MAINLAND, THE
SPOKESMAN STATED THAT CHINA WOULD NOT TOLERATE AN
INDEPENDENT TAIWAN, OR ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN
TAIWAN'S AFFAIRS. HE ADDED THAT NO COUNTRY WOULD PUT UP
WITH THREATS TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

8. ON THE ISSUE OF LEE TENG-HUI'S PRIVATE VISITS TO
OTHER COUNTRIES, A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT
OF ICELAND HAD EVER EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HIM, AND
WHETHER SUCH AN INVITATION WOULD AFFECT A PLANNED TRIP TO
CHINA BY THE PRESIDENT OF ICELAND. THE SPOKESMAN STATED
THAT THE PRESIDENT OF ICELAND HAD ALREADY DENIED INVITING
LEE TENG-HUI FOR A VISIT, AND THAT REPORTS TO THE
CONTRARY WERE JUST RUMORS.

CHINA - U.K. ISSUES

9. A REPORTER MADE NOTE OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED
AGREEMENTS ON THE COURT OF FINAL APPEAL AND THE NEW
AIRPORT FINANCING, AND ASKED THE SPOKESMAN WHETHER THIS
MEANT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.K. AND CHINA HAD
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RETURNED TO NORMAL. THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE
RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS WERE THE PRODUCT OF
CONCERTED EFFORT AND COOPERATION BY BOTH SIDES. HE SAID
THAT CHINA PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON ITS RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE U.K., AND HOPED TO SEE MORE COOPERATION IN THE
FUTURE, TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN HONG KONG

10. ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR'S
RECENT VICTORY IN PARTY ELECTIONS, AND THE SELECTION OF A
NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT CHINA
WELCOMED THE NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS, AND HOPED TO SEE
FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THE U.K., PARTICULARLY ON HONG

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HONG KONG ISSUES.

EUROPEAN UNION POLICY TOWARD CHINA

11. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION'S NEW POLICY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, WHICH CALLS FOR PUBLIC PRESSURE AND PRIVATE DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW ISSUES, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT HE HAD NOT YET SEEN THE CONTENT OF THE POLICY, BUT THAT CHINA WELCOMED THE EUROPEAN UNION POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH CHINA. HE ADDED THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN MUCH PROGRESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CHINA, AND ALTHOUGH THERE WERE DIFFERENCES ON SOME ISSUES, CHINA WELCOMED FRANK TALKS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION.

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MEMORIAL FOR KIM IL-SONG

12. ASKED TO WHETHER CHINA PLANNED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIN IL-SONG'S DEATH, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT CHINA HAD NO PLANS TO ATTEND. HALLFORD

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